(ii) Deficiencies in the construction of about 20% of the total number of the toilet complexes.

Government has directed the implementing agency *viz* Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to rectify the deficiencies and to ensure that toilet blocks made in clusters are properly utilized by the beneficiaries. MCD has directed the concerned contractors to rectify all the deficiencies within the defect-liability period as per the terms and conditions of the contract. In order to ensure proper utilization of all the toilet complexes, including those constructed in clusters, MCD has taken the following steps:

(i) Non-Government Organisations and Community Based Organisations of the areas concerned have been engaged to take up public awareness and participation campaigns to maximize the utilization of toilets.

(ii) Committees comprising of local elected representatives, members of local resident welfare associations and sanitation staff of MCD have been constituted for continuous monitoring of functioning of toilet complexes.

Foodgrains production

*72. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether widespread drought in twelve States in the country has killed India's hopes of a repeated good food production this year;

(b) if so, whether experts see little change of India having a foodgrains production of 208 million tonnes, like in 1999-2000, or the record production of 212 million tonnes in 2001-2002;

(c) if so, to what extent it has affected the foodgrains production; and

(d) what is the foodgrains target set during the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The severe drought this year has adversely affected production prospects of kharif crops. As no firm State-wise estimates are available yet, it is not possible to assess the extent of possible decline in the foodgrains production at the State level. However, this decline is reflected in the first advance estimate of kharif foodgrains production of 90.64 million tonnes at the All India level released on November 12, 2002.

(b) and (c) As the production of kharif foodgrains constitutes 50 to 55 per cent of the annual foodgrains production in the country, the shortfall in the kharif foodgrains production this year is expected to result in a decline from the record production of 211.32 million tonnes in 2001-02 and 209.80 million tonnes in 1999-2000. The first advance estimates for the year 2002-03 has placed total production of kharif foodgrains at 90.64 million tonnes, which is less than last year's kharif foodgrains production by 18.7 per cent.

(d) The target of foodgrains production for the year 2002-03 has been set at 220 million tonnes.

Assistance to drought affected Andhra Pradesh

*73. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which districts in Andhra Pradesh have been affected by the recent drought;

(b) what is the extent of loss incurred and the estimated shortfall in Kharif production in the State;

(c) what is the financial assistance sought by the State Government for relief measures and the amount sanctioned by the Union Government; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to supply seeds, free of cost, to the poor farmers affected by the drought; if so, the details thereof?